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Racer set to be VIP guest at top show

A British motorcycle racer and his father will be the guests of honour at a special event to raise funds for a Shropshire school.

Michael Rutter, nicknamed 'The Blade', and his father Tony Rutter, are set to appear at the 16th Annual Shropshire Vintage and Classic Motorcycle Show and Autojumble held in Wistanstow, near Craven Arms.

The event will raise money for Wistanstow Primary School.

Michael Rutter has taken second and third place in a number of superbike championships, and is also an accomplished road racer.

He has won at the North West 200 festival in Northern Ireland 11 times, once at the Isle of Man TT festival, and shares the record of winning the most Macau Grand Prix ever with six wins, shared with another British racer, Ron Haslam.

This season, he will be the sole rider for the MSS Discovery Kawasaki British superbike squad. Tony Rutter was also a successful rider himself in the 1970s.

The Vintage and Classic Motorcycle Show will be held in Wistanstow Village Hall on March 25.

Organiser Ron Maund said: "We are delighted to have Michael and Tony Rutter at this year's show. I hope people will come along."

There will be an admission charge with opening times from 10am to 4.30pm.

Michael Rutter is also set to appear at a fundraising night in Oswestry on February 15. Legends from the Isle of Man TT races will be at the Wynnstay Hotel.